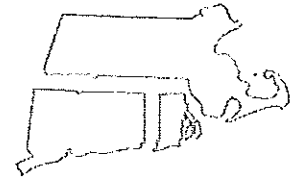




**Independent Electrical Contractors
of New England, Inc.**



**Testimony
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Independent Electrical Contractors of New England
Before the
Labor Committee
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The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England (IEC-NE) opposes SB-1075 which would require additional paperwork burdens on electrical contractors and all small businesses engaged in construction services.

This legislation is unnecessary and redundant. On the federal level, many businesses are already filing 1099 forms for each person that we do more than \$600 worth of business. This legislation appears to expand a similar reporting requirement at the state level.

Furthermore, the practical compliance burden on small businesses in the electrical industry would be significant. For example, from just my company's perspective, this could amount to \$1,500 to \$3,000 worth of computer reprogramming and/or labor expenses. To clarify – Our computer accounting program will automatically generate Federal 1099s now, but processing and mailing these forms is approximately two to three hour's worth of time. If our software company were to give us a free update to our program to incorporate the changes and requirements as contemplated in SB-1075, then it would be a small amount of time, however, historically they do not update the program for one single state without compensation, which means that we would pay them \$1,500 to \$3,000 to upgrade the program or we would need to do all of the newly required Connecticut reporting by hand which would be about the same dollar figure. I feel it is unnecessary because similar information is already being provided by us to the federal government and the state Department of Labor and the Administrator of the Unemployment Compensation Fund should be able access or otherwise ask for access to this federal information without burdening us for it.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments, and IEC urges rejection of the bill.

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